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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN MATSUNAGA'S COMMENTS ON US RECOGNITION

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

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1. CONGRESSMAN MATSUNAGA'S INTERVIEW WITH AP AND UPI AT SEMINAR DISCUSSIONS WITH ACADEMICIANS (REFTEL) RESULTED IN UPI STORY IN CHINA POST FROM WHICH FOLLOWING IS RELEVANT QUOTE ON US-CHINA RELATIONS:

2. "THE DEMOCRATIC DEPUTY WHIP OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SAID FORD'S TRIP TO PEKING SHOULD RESULT IN "A LARGE STEP" TOWARDS RECOGNITION OF (RED) CHINA ON INCREASING OF TRADE, BUT U.S. RECOGNITION OF PEKING WOULD NOT COME DURING THIS TRIP AS (RED) CHINA INSISTED ON THE U.S. BREAKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS A PRE-CONDITION.

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3. "THE CONGRESSMAN FROM HAWAII SAID HE BELIEVED THIS WAS

ALSO THE GENERAL OPINION OF THE U.S. PUBLIC AND HE CITED
AS AN EXAMPLE A RECENT POLL TAKEN IN THE UNITED STATES.

4. "THE POLL INDICATED THAT 72 PERCENT OF THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE OPPOSE RECOGNITION OF (RED) CHINA AT THE EXPENSE
OF BREAKING RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA, HE SAID, AND ONLY 11 PERCENT OF THE POLLSTERS
FAVORED IT WHILE THE OTHERS WERE UNDECIDED."

5. COMMENT: WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO CONFIRM THAT THE
CONGRESSMAN HAS BEEN CORRECTLY QUOTED IN ALL OF THE ABOVE,
THE PORTION CONCERNING--NO RECOGNITION OF THE PRC IF IT
MEANS BREAKING RELATIONS WITH THE PRC--IS SIMILAR TO
COMMENT MADE TO EMBASSY OFFICERS IN THE COURSE OF HIS
VISIT. UNGER

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